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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT
(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.
- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
- These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
- I ☒ Basis of the opinion
 - II ☐ Priority
 - III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
 - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI ☐ Certain documents cited
 - VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, Pages

1-10 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-28 as originally filed

Drawings, Sheets

1/8-8/8 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

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5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	7, 13-17,19,22-24,26-28
	No: Claims	1-6, 8-12,18,20, 21, 25
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	7, 13-17,19,22-24,26-28
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-28
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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- 1.1 From WO-A-01/85 002 a decorative article is known, said article (58, 68) comprising a decorative portion (68) and a suction device (66) for mounting the decorative article to a surface of a product to be decorated (see on page 13, lines 4-19, figures 8, 12). .
A decorative article according to claim 1 is therefore already known (Art. 33 (2) PCT).
- 1.2 The subject-matter of claim 1 is also known from the following documents:
US-A-6 361 187, col. 2, line 64-col. 3, line 65, figures 8,9;
US-A-6 158 702, col. 3, line 43-col. 4, line 37, col. 5, lines 45-51, col. 6, lines 11-16, figures 1, 1a 3a, 4, 6, 8,9;
US-A-6 095 331, col. 3, lines 40-46, col. 3, line 62-col. 4, line 24, figures 1, 3, 5;
FR-A-2 784 858, page 3, lines 4-18, page 5, lines 5-6, figures 1,3;
CA-A-2 191 263, page 2, lines 17-24, page 13, line 23-page14, line 8, figures 2, 3, 6, 9;
US-A-2 257 596, col. 2, line 56-col. 3, line 23, figures 1-4.
- 1.3 The additional features of claims 2-6, 8-12, 18, 20 ,21 are also known from the abovementioned documents (see on points 1.1 and 1.2).
2. The additional features of claims 7, 13-17, 22-24, 26-28 represent obvious embodiments and do not therefore involve an inventive step (Art. 33 (3) PCT).
3. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the documents WO-A-01/85 002, US-A-6 361 187, US-A-6 158 702, US-A-6 095 331, FR-A-2 784 858, CA-A-2 191 263, US-A-2 257 596 is not mentioned in the description, nor are these documents identified therein.